

NEWS RELEASE



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GLORY TO THE FREE PARKING

Folkestone & Hythe District Council is giving residents and businesses an early festive gift.

Charges in our pay and display car parks and on-street bays across the district will be waived on the three Saturdays ahead of Santa's arrival to help support the local economy and shoppers to buy fantastic presents.

This means motorists can park for free on Saturday 4 December, Saturday 11 December, and Saturday 18 December.

Cllr Ray Field, Cabinet Member for Transport and Digital Transformation, said: "Our district is blessed with a great range of independent and major stores, so naturally we want to encourage residents and visitors to explore our diverse offering.

"It has been a testing period for businesses but the future is now looking brighter – shopping locally is an easy way to get some great gifts for loved ones, and help traders in all our high streets and town centres flourish at the same time.

"Everyone is a winner – 'tis the season for free Christmas shopping parking in Folkestone & Hythe."

Limited waiting (free) and controlled parking zone restrictions are still in place on the three Saturdays in the lead-up to Christmas to ensure local residents are able to park close to their homes and there is a sufficient turnover of spaces.

Residents can also [apply via MyAccount](#) for a permit to park in council-run car parks all year round for £60. This allows you to park your vehicle for three hours in long-term car parks and two hours in short-term car parks.

Terms and conditions apply – visit folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/parking/permits for more information.

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